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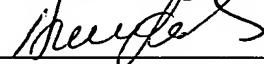
EXAMINER:

FOR: Orthopedic Fixation System
Including Plate Element with
Threaded Holes Having
Divergent Axes

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DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO DUTY OF DISCLOSURE

Pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure 37 CFR Section 1.56, enclosed is a completed form PTOL-1449 which lists the documents relating to the above-referenced patent application. Since this document submittal is being presented prior to the first examination on the merits, no fee is due herewith.

Attached is German Patent #0 451,427 A1 which describes the anchoring mechanism/head for a femur prosthesis.

Also attached are the following articles:

"SCS™/D Distal Radius Plate System: Dorsal", Avanta, 1997 describes how this rigid fixation can promote early rehabilitation. They are designed to increase plate strength and to lessen the role of distal metaphyseal screws.

"SCS™/V Distal Radius Plate: Volar", Avanta, 1998. This article describes how this apparatus engages the strong subchondral bone of the fragments which are designed to carry loads directly through the plate to the proximal shaft.

"The Distal Radius Plate Instrument and Implant Set", Technique Guide, Synthes, Paoli, PA, 1995. This article describes how this device is used for the fixation of fractures and carpal fusions involving the distal radius.

"The Titanium Distal Radius Plate", Technique Guide, Synthes, Paoli, PA, 1995; A technique guide for dorsal application in complex intra-articular and extra-articular fractures of the distal radius; and also osteotomies of the distal radius.

"Advances in Distal Radius Fracture Management (D)", transcript of American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, 2001 Conference pp. 134-151, February 28, 2001, including article by Matthew D. Putnam MD, entitled "Repair and Rehabilitation of Distal Radius Fractures: The Role of Subchondral Fixation" at pp. 144-147.

"Summary of Safety and Effectiveness Information", [510K Summary], Synthes, 07/29/98 describes the Synthes DFP System.

The listed documents are brought to the Examiner's attention because they are known to the applicant and/or the applicant's attorney and may be considered by the Examiner to be material to his/her examination. This listing should not be construed as representation that a search has been made or that no better art exists. No inference should be made that the documents are in fact material merely because they are referenced herein. Moreover, no representation is made that the brief descriptions of the references herein necessarily describe the most material aspects of the references. Further, by this listing, the applicant is not making any admission regarding the relative dates of the invention and listed disclosures.

Respectfully submitted,



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	A	US2004/0059335	03/25/04	Weaver et al.	606	69	
	B	US2004/0059334	03/25/04	Weaver et al.	606	69	
	C	US2003/0105461	06/05/03	Putnam	606	69	
	D	6,527,775	03/04/03	Warburton	606	62	
	E	6,468,278	10/22/02	Mückter	606	69	
	F	6,440,135	08/27/02	Orbay et al.	606	69	
	G	6,364,882	04/02/02	Orbay	606	69	
	H	6,355,041	03/12/02	Martin	606	62	
	I	6,270,499	08/07/01	Leu et al.	606	64	
	J	6,248,109	06/19/01	Stofella	606	75	
	K	6,238,395	05/29/01	Bonutti	606	60	

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	L	"SCS™/D Distal Radius Plate System: Dorsal", Avanta, 1997
	M	"SCS™/V Distal Radius Plate: Volar", Avanta, 1998
	N	"The Distal Radius Plate Instrument and Implant Set", Technique Guide, SYNTHES®, Paoli, PA, 1995
	O	"The Titanium Distal Radius Plate", Technique Guide, SYNTHES®, Paoli, PA, 1995
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	D	6,146,384	11/14/00	Lee et al.	606	73	
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	B	5,766,174	06/16/98	Perry	606	62	
	C	5,718,705	02/17/98	Sammarco	606	69	
	D	5,709,682	01/20/98	Medoff	606	60	
	E	5,709,686	01/20/98	Talos et al.	606	69	
	F	5,676,667	10/14/97	Hausman	606	69	
	G	5,665,087	09/09/97	Huebner	606	65	
	H	5,662,655	09/02/97	Laboureau et al.	606	75	
	I	5,603,715	02/18/97	Kessler	606	63	
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	D	5,472,444	12/05/95	Huebner et al.	606	64	
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	I	5,304,180	04/19/94	Slocum	606	69	
	J	5,151,103	09/29/92	Tepic et al.	606	69	
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